



## The Brisbane Oratory in Formation Parish of Annerley Ekibin

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C [OF] & [EF]: 22nd/23rd December, 2018

### Readings for next Sunday 29th/30th December

1st: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22,  
24-28  
2nd: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24  
Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

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### Dear Parishioners,

In these last days before Christmas, difficult though it can be with the pressures of busy-ness and other stresses on all sides, we must give time to silent prayer. The book of Genesis relates, in the third chapter, how Adam and Eve hide from the Lord God in the trees of the garden, busy-ing themselves, as it were, with various things in creation, but in order to hide from the Presence of the Lord. The Gospels relate how it is possible to turn the Lord away from the inn of the heart as He approaches us, knocking to gain entry. We also can miss His advent of grace in these days by hiding from the Presence of Lord in various activities, noise and hard-heartedness. Let us, therefore, make of our hearts hospitable dwelling places for the Most High who approaches us in such humility.



My thanks to the many volunteers who joined us at the office this week to celebrate the year past and enjoy each other's company during this holy season; and to all those who have assisted in the preparations for the Christmas liturgies to come. We wish our parishioners and our many friends and helpers a joyful and holy Christmas.

Please note that the Parish Office will close on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th and re-open on Wednesday, 2nd January, 2019. In an emergency, please phone 3848 1107 and follow the instructions on the recorded message.

*in Christ, Fr Scot Anthony Armstrong*

As some of you may have already heard, following a period of prayer and discernment Matthew Buckley has decided not to continue with the Brisbane Oratory in Formation. We thank Matthew for his time among us, and for all that he contributed to the Oratory and Parish communities. We are naturally sad to see him go, but he goes with our prayerful best wishes for the future.



The Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory wish all our parishioners and friends every blessing for the feast of Christmas. We particularly thank our generous benefactors for your continued support.

Father Adrian Sharp  
Moderator

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve:

5:00pm Carols & 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St John Fisher [OF]  
7:00pm Carols & 7:30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church [OF]

#### Midnight:

Midnight Mass at Mary Immaculate Church [EF] Missa Cantata

#### Christmas Day:

7:30am Mass at Mary Immaculate [OF]  
9:00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church [EF] Missa Cantata

### CHRISTMAS SINGERS for ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Come and lend your voice to the musical prelude at SJF this Christmas. Help lead our joyful congregation in Carols before the 5:30pm Vigil Mass.  
Please arrive early.

### Working Bee: Thank you!

Many thanks to all who came to help clean Mary Immaculate Church in preparation for Christmas. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

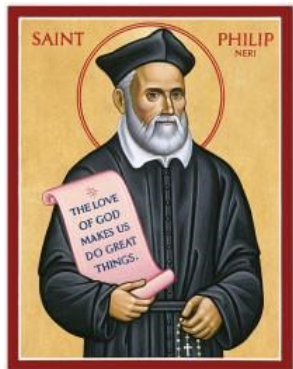
## PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 19th January

Baptism Preparation for Parents at 9:00am in the School Library (under MI church).  
Please contact the Parish Office to book.

### Reflection

*Certain little voluntary attachments of disordered self-love must be cut through, and then we must dig round them, and then remove the earth, till we get down deep enough to find the place where the are roots are interlaced together.*



St Philip Neri

The spiritual life can in no way be viewed as the unfolding of an inconsequential life without any problems; rather it must be viewed as the scene of a constant and sometimes painful battle...correctly viewed, [as] the place of our purification, of our spiritual growth, where we learn to know ourselves in our weakness and to know God in His infinite mercy. This combat is the definitive place of our transfiguration and glorification...[because] it is the combat of one who struggles with the absolute certitude that the victory is already won, because the Lord is resurrected.

J. Philippe, *Searching For and Maintaining Peace* (Sceptre, New York, 2002).

CELEBRATE THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS WITH US

Sunday 30 December

Starts at 7pm

# Carols by Candlelight

Share a relaxed evening of Christmas music and carol singing on the lawn in front of the church overlooking the Brisbane river.

Everyone is welcome!

### Our Lady of Victories Parish

Carols start 7pm at 1 Roche Avenue, Bowen Hills

BYO picnic blanket or folding chair. (some chairs will be provided)

Please bring a small plate of Christmas treats to share afterwards.

Hey kids! Come dressed up as your favourite character from Bethlehem.

We know how busy life can be **BUT** do you have just 1.5 hrs to offer Mary Immaculate Church once per month or 2 months? It is of immense financial benefit to the parish that we have a generous volunteer base of parishioners who keep the Church clean but more are needed to spread the workload. We hope for enough to enable each person to be rostered only once per 8 weeks (6 times per year). At the moment many are doing once per 4 weeks. It is not onerous work if done as a group or family and there are tasks to suit ALL ages and fitness levels. You do not have to have your own group as we can find you a group to join or to form a new cleaning group. A group of 3-4 people can easily complete the work within 1.5 hrs. All cleaning items provided plus instruction. Gratitude from the Parish is a given. Heavenly blessings an added bonus!

**Please contact the Parish Office if this is something that you may be able to assist with.**



### Sacramental Program for Children

A Parent Information night will be held at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School, cnr Effingham St & Cracknell Rd, Ekibin, at 7pm Tuesday 5 March 2019 for parents of children who will be making their First Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmation next year. Further details closer to the date. Teresa - Sacramental Co-ordinator: [sacramental\\_annek@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental_annek@bne.catholic.net.au)

**WE PRAY FOR:** Those who are recently deceased: Fran BARRY, Rita RYAN, Bernie O'HARA, Dulcie MORAN, Barry SMITH and Fr Ray KEARNEY  
Those who are sick: Ksenia BORODIN, Rex BOWEN, Verna BOWEN, Joan BRAMMER, Ted BUTTERWORTH, Duncan CARSTENS, Ruth Mary DALY, Shannon EMSLIE, Mark FARRAH, Jane FARRELL, Bryan FITZPATRICK, Joan FLEW, Anne FRANETTOVICH, Gwen GAIR, Vilma GHOUSE, Bronte GREER, Marlene JOHNSTON, Tony LEVICK, Aroha McCORMACK, Marie MITCHELL, Valerie ORTON, Mila PICKARD, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Rosa Maria SANTOS, Norma TORPEY, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

All the faithful departed.

## Rosters for next week

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#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sun (MI) 7.30am Jim Lucey

Sun (SJF) 8:30am Vince Kartelo

Sun (MI) 5.00pm Brett Heath, Dragica Heath

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm: Bert Jacobs, John Lesina, Prem Nair

Sun (MI) 7:30am: Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan,  
Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan

#### COUNTERS

Monday, 24th December, 2018

### St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Wilston 7:30am

December 24th: 9.30am

December 25th: 7.30am

January 1st: 10.30am

January 2nd: 7.00pm

#### PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no 9:00am [EF] Mass on Monday,  
24th December at MI Church. Please see above for  
Wilston [EF] Mass times.

This month's Lighthouse CD is now available from the  
back of the church, titled:  
"Advent: Rethinking the Season" by Dr Tim Gray.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, 22nd December, Private:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

**8:15am Mass at MI:** For the repose of the soul of  
Sr Marlene Black pvbm, recently deceased

**5:30pm Vigil at SJF:** Mass for the People 'pro populo'

**5:30pm Vigil at MI:** For the repose of the soul of  
Kevin McPhee, first anniversary of death

#### Sunday, 23rd December, 7:30am Mass at MI:

For the repose of the soul of Bernie O'Hara, recently  
deceased, from the Annerley SVDP Conference

#### 8:30am Mass at SJF:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

#### 9:00am Mass at MI:

In thanksgiving for a miracle, from Ana Garcia

**5:00pm Mass at MI:** For the Pope and the Bishops

#### Monday, 24th December, 6:30am Mass at SE:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

#### 5:30pm Christmas Vigil at SJF:

For Frassati groups and their members

#### Midnight Mass, The Nativity of Our Lord:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

#### Tuesday, 25th December, 7:30am Mass at MI:

For the intention of the donor

**9:00am Mass at MI:** For Fr Wise's special intention

#### Wednesday, 26th December, 6:30am Mass at SJF:

For the repose of the soul of Edna Wright, anniversary

**9:00am Mass at MI:** For the repose of the soul of  
Margaret Murray, recently deceased

#### Thursday, 27th December, 9:00am Mass at MI:

For the intention of the donor

#### Friday, 28th December, Private:

For the intention of the donor

**9:00am Mass at MI:** On the Feast of the

Holy Innocents, in reparation for the sin of abortion

## Parish Diary & Mass Times: 24th-30th December

### Monday 24th December

6:30am Mass [OF+] SE

5:30pm Christmas Vigil [OF] SJF

7:30pm Christmas Vigil [OF] MI

12:00am Midnight Mass [EF] MI

### Tuesday 25th December

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

7:30am Mass [OF] MI

9:00am Mass [OF+] MI

### Wednesday 26th December

6:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

### Thursday 27th December

7:00am Mass [OF+] MI

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

### Friday 28th December

7:00am Mass [OF] SE

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

7:30pm Holy Hour MI

### Saturday 29th December

8:15am Mass [EF] MI

### Holy Family

5:30pm Vigil [OF] SJF

5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI

### Sunday 30th December

7:30am Mass [OF] MI

8:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

5:00pm Mass [OF+] MI

OF = Ordinary Form | OF+ = *Ad orientem* | EF = Extraordinary Form]  
MI = Mary Immaculate SE = St Elizabeth's SJF = St John Fisher

### CONFESSION TIMES:

Mon 6:45pm (MI)

Wed 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

Thu 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

Fri 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

7:30pm - 8:30pm (MI) During Holy Hour

Sat 7:15am - 8:00am (MI)

Sat 4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)

Sat 5:15pm by request (SJF)

Sun During 9:00am Mass where possible (MI)

\* The Angelus and the Rosary are prayed half an hour  
before the early weekday Masses, at SE & SJF.

\* All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at SE is  
currently in recess.

\* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on  
Saturdays from 7:15am - 8:00am at MI Church.

\* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from  
9.40am to 11.30am on every First Friday at  
Mary Immaculate Church.

\* The Holy Rosary is prayed at Mary Immaculate after the  
7am Mass on Tuesdays, at 7.30am on Saturdays and  
after the 8.15am Mass on every First Saturday.

### Saturday, 29th December, Private:

For Jesus Youth

**5:30pm Vigil at MI:** Mass for the people 'pro populo'

**5:30pm Vigil at SJF:** For David Zemek, for recovery from

accident and illness

### Sunday, 30th December, 7:30am Mass at MI:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

**8:30am Mass at SJF:** For a special intention for AL

**9:00am Mass at MI:** For the Pope and the Bishops

**MASS READINGS**

**Advent Wreath Ritual**

WEEK 4: 4<sup>th</sup> candle lit

**Celebrant:** O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of light eternal, and Sun of Justice:

**Response:** COME, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**Celebrant:** KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one:

**Response:** COME, and deliver man, whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.

Celebrant: O EMMANUEL, God with us, Our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior:

Response: COME to save us, O Lord our God. Amen.

**First Reading:** *Micah 5:1-4*

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel. His origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm 79**

*(Said by all)*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 10:5-10*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will. Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second.

And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord; may his will for me be done. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** *Luke 1:39-44*

Mary set out at the time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Memorial Acclamation:** *Number One*

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: \$2,286.60**  
**ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS AVERAGE FOR WEEK:**  
**\$1,632.70 Thank you from a grateful Parish.**

**ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?  
OR ARE YOU FROM ELSEWHERE IN BRISBANE BUT  
REGULARLY ATTEND MASS HERE AND WOULD LIKE  
TO BE REGISTERED AS A FRIEND OF THE BRISBANE  
ORATORY? If so, please fill in the form below and place it  
on the collection plate or mail to our Parish Office:  
P.O. Box 3131, Tarragindi. 4121.**

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